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*Request for Continued Examination*

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Atty. Docket No. DE9-1999-0077US1  
(590.161)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Hansmann et al.  
Serial No. : 09/752,959 Examiner : Kyle, Charles  
Filed : January 2, 2001 Group Art Unit : 3624  
For : METHOD OF PAYMENT BY MEANS OF AN ELECTRONIC  
COMMUNICATION DEVICE

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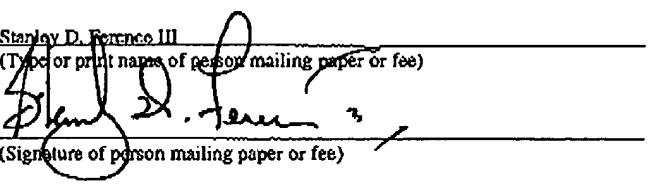
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-identified application.

1. **Extension of Time**

- No extension of time is needed.
- Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.
- In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

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2 **Submission Required Under 37 CFR 1.114**

Previously submitted  
 Please enter the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on October 17, 2005.  
 Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_.  
  
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 Amendment/Reply  
 Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
 Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_.

3. **Miscellaneous**

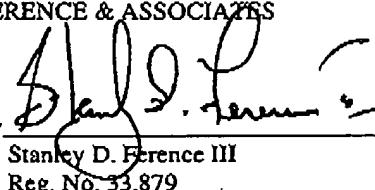
Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_.

4. **Fees**

Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the RCE fee.  
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$790.00 RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510.  
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully submitted,

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